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CELLS ORIGINATING IN STOMACH CANCER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**37 CFR § 1.115**

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before calculating the claim fee and amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.